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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESS COMMENT ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE ENERGY CONFERENCE

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INITIAL FRENCH MEDIA REACTION TO THE OPENING ROUND OF THE ENERGY CONFERENCE EMPHASIZED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE US POSITIONS, BUT GAVE EXTENSIVE AND BALANCED COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH.

THE EVENING OFFICIAL TV BROADCAST COMMENTED "EUROPE WILL RETURN A LITTLE MORE DIVIDED BECAUSE THE EUROPEANS WILL HAVE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE."

GABULLIST LA NATION COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE IDEA OF SHARING BUT DISPARAGED "BLOC-TO-BLOC" DIPLOMACY.

4 L'AURE, AN ANTI-ARAB PAPER OF THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION
3 WHICH HAS BEEN THE ONLY FRENCH NEWSPAPER TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY
2 CONFERENCE CONSISTENTLY, HEADLINED, "WASHINGTON: MICHEL JOBERT
1 IN VERY DIFFICULT POSITION." AURE COLUMNIST VAN DENBESCH

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ASKED WHETHER THE FRENCH POSITION REPRESENTED A CALCULATED RISK OR WAS MERELY IMPULSIVE AND SAID THAT NOT SINCE DEGAULLE'S EXPULSION OF AMERICAN FORCES HAS FRANCE RAISED SUCH "BITTER MISTRUST" AGAINST THE US.

EUROPE ONE RADIO THIS MORNING COMMENTED THAT FRANCE IS MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER IN WASHINGTON, AND NOT, "AS ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT," BECAUSE OF KISSINGER. HE SAID IT WAS GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT WHO ATTACKED THE POSITION TAKEN BY JOBERT. LAST NIGHT, SAID THE COMMENTATOR, "ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY SCORED A POINT AGAINST EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY."

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